

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-7 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits. Claim 5 has been amended. Claims 6 and 7 have been added.

The amendments made herein to the claims do not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed. For example, the amendment to claim 5 finds support in the original specification at page 18, lines 1-10. New claim 6 finds support in the original specification at page 16, lines 3-7. New claim 7 finds support in the original specification at page 16, line 26, to page 17, line 3.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

***Objections to Claim 5 and Allowance of Other Claims***

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that this application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters with regard to claim 5.

The Examiner's objection to claim 5 is respectfully traversed because the informalities have been appropriately corrected by the present amendment. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

Further, new claims 6 and 7 depend from allowable independent claim 1. Accordingly, all pending claims (claims 1-7) are allowable upon entry of the present amendment.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the amendments and remarks presented herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of the pending claims 1-7 are allowed under the provisions of Title 37 of the United States Code.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,977) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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